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**Applicant:** HASHIMOTO et al.

**Title:** TENSIONER

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**AMENDMENT/INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD**

This is in response to the office action dated March 13, 2007.

Reconsideration of claims 1-4 is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended.

Applicants wish to thank the Primary Examiner for her careful review of the application. No new matter is included.

During the first telephone interview on April 27, 2007, the Applicant proposed changes to Claim 1 regarding "inner body portion sealed to said outer body portion". Applicant also pointed out that the claimed mounting means is in means plus statement of function format. No agreement to claim

1 was reached.

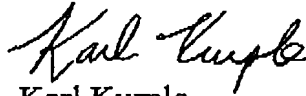
During the second telephone interview on May 3, 2007, the Examiner indicated that there was allowable subject in the application. The subject matter of claim 1 was discussed and it was agreed that claim 1 would have an additional limitation of the inner body sealed to the outer body as well as other structural limitations added to the last paragraph of claim 1 regarding heat welded structure. Also, applicant agreed to invoke §112, sixth paragraph with respect to means plus statement of function format directed to the mounting means structure.

It was agreed upon that the claims of this application would be allowable based on these changes in claim 1 and their submission along with an argument distinguishing between the heat welded seal of the present invention with the press-fit structure of the Namie reference.

Further, if there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection herewith, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-3060. This response is believed to be timely, however, in the event that the Commissioner deems it to be untimely, then please consider this as a petition for extension of time with authorization to charge deposit account 23-3060 therefor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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